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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Toru TSUKADA, et al.

Appln. No. 09/809,262

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For: FEED SCREW DEVICE

Group Art Unit: 3682

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Please cancel claims 8-16 without prejudice and/or disclaimer.~~

~~Please add the following new claims.~~

--17. (New) A feed screw device comprising:

a screw shaft;

a nut member threadably engaging an outer periphery of the screw shaft;

a lubricant supply device having an insertion hole formed in an outer periphery side

thereof, said lubricant supply device coming in contact with the outer peripheral surface of said

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01 FC:116 screw shaft;
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